

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educational programs which not only prepare students as lifelong learners and future societal leaders, but also enhance our understanding of important events and concepts from the past; and

Whereas, the eighth-grade social studies class at Saint Luke's Catholic School in Richmond Heights has attained considerable distinction for its investigation of nearby Hadley Township; and

Whereas, on Sunday, March 6, 2005, an exhibit related to Hadley Township will open at the Richmond Heights library to illustrate the history, people, and institutions of one of the oldest African-American communities in Saint Louis County; and

Whereas, Hadley Township was once known as "The Hill" or "Hickory Hill" and reached as far north as Hampton Park; and

Whereas, thanks to the construction of Interstate 64/Highway 40 and the Richmond Heights Community Center, Hadley Township's boundaries are now Dale Avenue on the north, Laclede Station Road to the east, West Bruno Avenue on the south, and Hanley Road to the west; and

Whereas, led by teacher Carolyn Landwehr, eighth-grade social studies students worked in cooperation with vice president and curator Joellen McDonald of the Richmond Heights Historical Society to investigate the history of Hadley Township; and

Whereas, founded in 1907 by Evens-Howard Brickworks, Hadley Township has largely been racially segregated throughout its history, with African-Americans functionally restricted from buying homes outside the area and with little development taking place within the community in more recent years; and

Whereas, eighth-grade social studies students at Saint Luke's Catholic School interviewed five past or present Hadley Township residents to gather memories, statements, and pictures to develop a history exhibit for the Richmond Heights Historical Society:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the hard work and visionary efforts associated with the Saint Luke's Catholic School eighth-grade social studies class project concerning Hadley Township and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon their exhibit's public opening on Sunday, March 6, 2005, in the Richmond Heights library; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Saint Luke's Catholic School 2004-2005 eighth-grade social studies class in Richmond Heights, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Margaret Donnelly
District No. 73

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker